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Board for Developmental Disabilities

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King County Board for Developmental Disabilities PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Day/Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Region 4, Large Conference Room

1700 East Cherry Street Seattle, WA 98122

Board Members Present: Kevin Bernadt, Ted Daniels, Kevin Henderson,

John Nesbitt, Candice Styer

Board Members Absent: Margaret Birdsey, Alfred Lewis, Bret Stewart,

Kathy Trimbach

Board Members Excused: Hameed Quraishi

Guest Present: Sylvia Fuerstenberg, The Arc of King County

Alex O'Reilly, City of Bellevue

Sara McIlvaine, Puget Sound Personnel

Allison McCormick, Mainstay Porteah Dabeni, SODA

Terry Burke, Cliffside Vocational Carrie McGrath, Work Opportunities

Gina Solberg, Provail Chris Brandt, AtWork!

Debbie Meyers, SKCAC, Industries

Lauren Caldwell, DVR Sherry McNary, WISE

*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

Department of Social and Human Services, Region 4: Lauren Bertagna

King County Staff Present: Jane Campbell, Ray Jensen, Michaelle Monday

INTRODUCTION

Kevin Henderson, Chair, called the Planning Committee Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on May 6, 2009, at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room. Kevin thanked Margaret-Lee Thompson, King County Developmental Disabilities Division (KCDDD), and others

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who advocated restoring developmental disabilities (DD) services to counties in the House Supplemental Budget.

BUDGET UPDATE

Ray Jensen distributed a memo outlining the finalization of the state budget and how it will effect Employment and Day programs. A new contract with the state is currently being negotiated, which will reflect no cuts in direct services to clients.

Margaret-Lee Thompson highlighted final budget outcomes from a document prepared by The Arc of Washington State entitled, "2009 Biennial Budget Comparisons for Developmental Disabilities."

SCHOOL TO WORK UPDATE

There are approximately 50 young adults who will be exiting school in June 2009 who already have jobs. We are working with the State to figure out long term follow along strategies as the biennial budget did not include funds for transition this year.

BIRTH TO THREE WORK PLAN UPDATE

Ray Jensen distributed a memo regarding Early Intervention Funding. Stating the 2009-11 State Budget did not include increased state funding for Early Intervention Services. In the face of the challenges presented with the current financial situation the County must undertake a strategic revamping plan of the current early intervention mechanisms for distribution of public funding.

Jane Campbell requested the participation of a Board member to attend the King County Interagency Coordinating Council meetings to assist in strategizing new ways to distribute funds.

ADULT STATE-ONLY CLIENTS TO THE BASIC WAIVER UPDATE

Lauren Bertagna reported the number of individuals processed By Region 4 to transition from state paid employment to basic waiver as of May 6, 2009, the total was 312.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ray Jensen reported, in the past the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities' Legislative Committee has organized two meetings to request public input for the Legislative Agenda. This year it has been decided to have one centralized public meeting. The first 2009 Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday in June in the evening (more information is forthcoming) and Board members are encouraged to attend.

Ray Jensen reported the Employment Services Request for Qualifications will be emailed to Providers and posted by Friday, May 8, 2009 at www.kingcounty.gov/ddd.





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ANNOUCEMENT

Sylvia Fuerstenberg, The Arc of King County, announced the 2nd annual "Living Our Legacy" awards ceremony and fundraising luncheon to benefit individuals with DD and their families on Thursday, May 21, 2009, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Bell Harbor, Pier 66 located at 2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle. For more information about the event, please view The Arc's website at http://www.arcofkingcounty.org/donate/living-our-legacy-fundraising-luncheon.

Sylvia also announced The Arc of King County is participating in the Foundation for the Challenged grant-making program established in 2006 to provide support dollars to individuals with DD for basic living necessities. The grants will be issued four times a year and applications are currently being accepted through April 30, 2009. Please send applications to The Arc of King County, attention: Community Living Grant Program, 233 Sixth Avenue N., Seattle, WA 98109 and for more information contact Mary Jo Magruder at migragruder@arcofkingcounty.org or call 206-364-6337.

Ray Jensen distributed copies and announced the notification of the Employment Services Request for Qualification (RFQ). KCDDD is inviting interested applicants to provide employment services for adults with DD to improve their quality of life. Applications must be submitted to KCDDD on June 5, 2009, by 2 p.m. (late applications will not be accepted.)

BOARD RECRUITMENT

The Board for Developmental Disabilities is seeking residents of King County interested in serving on the Board. The primary criteria for membership is an interest in assisting individuals with DD to access available services and integrate into and become full participants in their communities. The County is interested in a balanced representation on the Board, in terms of ethnicity, occupation, geographic location, and experience with developmental disability issues. Currently, the Board is seeking to increase cultural diversity and to achieve geographic representation.

NEXT MEETINGS

The King County Interagency Coordinating Council meetings are held on the 4th Mondays of odd months. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Community Center at Mercer View located at 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island.

The next Board meeting is scheduled June 3, 2009, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Region 4, located at 1700 E. Cherry Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

The July 1, 2009, King County Board for Developmental Disabilities Planning Committee Meeting is canceled.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



